

REMARKS

Claims 19-25 are currently pending in this application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-18 have been cancelled and new claims 19-25 have been added. New claims 19-25 are supported at least by originally filed claims 1-18 and by originally filed Figures 5-11. No new matter is added to the application by this amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants submit that this rejection is moot due to cancellation of claim 14. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-8, 12, 13, and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,570,267 (Ma). Applicants submit that this rejection is moot due to cancellation of claims 1, 5-8, 12, 13, and 15-18. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

When forming an anticipation rejection, "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently

described, in a single prior art reference" (MPEP § 2131).

New claim 19 is patentable over this rejection for at least the following reasons. Claim 19 requires, *inter alia*, "a fixing base portion provided on the inner surface of the first open portion" of the outer casing member. Ma does not disclose a fixing base on an inner surface of the central opening 42 of the frame 3. Accordingly, Ma fails to disclose each of the elements of claim 19.

Ma also fails to disclose Applicants' elements, recited in claim 19, of first and second cover structures having first and second mounting portions, respectively, that are fixed to the inner surface of the outer casing member. Referring to Figure 3 of Ma, Ma discloses a display 12 with an attached stiff backing (the component which has holes 63 therein). The stiff backing is only attached to the display 12 to allow the display 12 to be removed from the frame 3. The protective cover 2 is the only component that is secured to the frame and it is secured to the frame via hooks 32. As such, Ma fails to disclose first and second cover structures that are each fixed to the inner surface of the outer casing member. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 19 is further patentable over Ma.

Ma also fails to disclose Applicants' elements, recited in claim 19, of first and second mounting portions which are connected to each other and fixed to the base portion. To the contrary, the Ma protective cover 2 and stiff backing are both too small and improperly configured to be secured to an inner surface of the frame. Ma

further fails to disclose that the first and second cover structures are each formed by a thin plate. Referring to Figures 2 and 3 of Ma, Ma's protective cover 2 is apparently formed of tubular material.

Ma fails to disclose Applicants' element, recited in claim 19, of the second mounting portion being fitted into the first opening with the second frame portion and the outer surface of the casing member forming a substantially continuous surface.

Ma fails to disclose Applicants' element, recited in claim 19, of the display surface being exposed through the second opening. The Ma display element is covered by glass and not exposed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 19 is patentable over Ma for each of the above reasons. Claims 20-25 each depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 19 and, accordingly, are also patentable over Ma.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,507,377 (Jung). Applicants submit that this rejection is moot due to cancellation of claims 1-18. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

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To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, "the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations" (MPEP § 2142).

Claim 19 is patentable over Jung for at least the following reason. Jung fails to disclose, teach, or suggest Applicants' claimed element of "a second cover structure." Accordingly, Claim 19 is patentable over Jung. Claims 20-25 each depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 19 and, accordingly, are also patentable over Jung.

INVITATION

If the Examiner believes that any additional matters need to be addressed to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

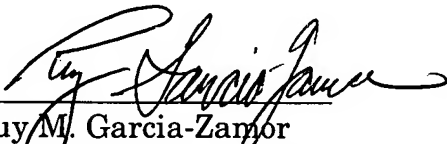
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 19-25, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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